

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD Department – Issue of false experience certificate to Contractor - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri N.Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Division, Kandukur – Enquiry completed – Imposition of penalty of stoppage of four annual grade increments with cumulative effect – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG. I A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 234

Dated:19-02-2011.

Read the following:

1. Govt. Memo No.907/VS.I/A2/2002-4, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dated:28.7.2003.
2. From Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur, Written Statement of Defence dt:6.9.2003.
3. G.O.Rt.No. 299, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dated: 28.2.2005.
4. From Sri A. Madhusudhan Reddy, IAS (Retd.), Member,COI & Enquiry Officer, Letter No.168/COI-AMR/2005-4, Dated: 15.12.2005.
5. Govt. Memo No.907/Vig. IA/2002-19, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dated:26.08.2006.
6. Representation from Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur, dt.29-9-2006.
7. Govt. Letter No.907/Vig.IA/2002-36, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt.1.7.2010.
8. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1157/RT-I/3/08, Dt.9.8.2010.

ORDER:-

In the Govt. Memo 1st read above, the following charges were framed against Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur for the irregularities in issue of false experience certificate to a Contractor, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:-

Charge – I : While working as Dy. Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur, Sri N. Gopinath, Dy. Executive Engineer had issued false experience certificate to Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Contractor for Rs.410.00 lakhs for the work “construction of bridge at Paleru river between Chirikurapadu and Vikkerala Peta in P.R. Division, Kandukuru violating conduct rules.

Charge–II : That he had issue false experience certificate for Rs.43.10 lakhs to Sri A. Venkateswarlu, contractor for the work “providing B.T. surface to the road from Kandukur to V.V. Palem” violating conduct rules.

Charge-III: That he had issued false experience certificate to Sri A. Venkateswarlu, contractor for Rs.27.65 lakhs for the work “providing B.T. to road from Pathapadu to Chittipalli in Prakasam District” violating conduct rules.

Charge-IV: That he had colluded with the contractor and provided him with false experience certificate. Based on the false and fabricated experience certificate, Sri A. Venkateswarlu, contractor had got the bids for works in R&B department awarded to him valued at about Rs.566.00 lakhs. His action tantamounts to abetting the contractor in conspiracy in getting the works awarded to him by unlawful means violating the conduct rules.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur has submitted his written statement of defence. After examining the same, in the G.O. 3rd read above, Sri A. Madhusudhan Reddy, IAS (Retd.) Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries has been appointed as Enquiry Officer for conducting regular enquiry and Sri G. Krishna Murthy, Chief Engineer, PR, NABARD has been appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Enquiry Officer on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report. The Enquiry Officer in his findings has held that out of the 4 charges framed against Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur, Charge No.1 as proved and Charges No.2,3 & 4 as not proved.

4. In the reference 5th read above, a copy of Enquiry Report has been communicated to Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur with a direction to submit his explanation on the findings the Enquiry Officer. In the reference 6th read above, Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur has submitted his explanation.

5. Government after examination of the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer with reference to the Enquiry Officer's report have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of four annual grade increments with cumulative effect on Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kandukur. Accordingly, in the reference 7th read above, the concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been sought on the punishment proposed. In the reference 8th read above (copy enclosed), the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has advised to impose the penalty of two increments without cumulative effect on Sri N. Gopinath, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR.

6. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided and accordingly, hereby impose the penalty of stoppage of four annual grade increments with cumulative effect on Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kandukur.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. RAJIV SHARMA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri N. Gopinath, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kandukur, through the Engineer-in-Chief (Panchayat Raj), Hyderabad (w.e.).

The Engineer-in-Chief (Panchayat Raj), Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The PR&RD (Estt.III) Department.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, M.J. Road, Nampally, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission.

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SECTION OFFICER